

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re Application of:</b>	<b>Brian J. Brown, Michael Davis, David Friesen, Timothy J. Ley and Sean Skubitz</b>
<b>Application No.:</b>	<b>10/705273</b>
<b>Filed:</b>	<b>November 10, 2003</b>
<b>For:</b>	<b>Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent</b>
<b>Examiner:</b>	<b>Vy Q. Bui</b>
<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	<b>3773</b>

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **August 19, 2009**.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows: